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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

May 21, 2019

Mr. Mike Alaniz
City Administrator
City of La Joya
101 North Leo Avenue
La Joya, Texas 78560

Dear Mr. Alaniz:

The Office of the Attorney General (the "OAG") has received a complaint from Dave Hendricks alleging the City of La Joya (the "city") has failed to respond appropriately to a request for information. The complaint was assigned ID# 770029.

The Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code, generally requires a governmental body to release requested public information that it collects, assembles, maintains, or has right of access to, or to request a ruling from the OAG as to the applicability of exceptions to the Act. Our records do not indicate a request for an OAG ruling has been made in accordance with section 552.301 of the Act.

Although the OAG has civil enforcement authority under the Act, our office prefers to work with governmental bodies and requestors to resolve complaints informally. The easiest way to resolve this open records complaint is to release the requested information, provided the information is not confidential by law.

Please provide a written response to this letter within 10 business days. See 1 T.A.C. § 70.11(d)(3) (governmental body has a responsibility under the Act to promptly respond). A certification form is enclosed with this letter in order to expedite your response. You may use the form to certify: (i) the requested information has been or will be released to the requestor; (ii) the city has no information responsive to the request; or (iii) the city has requested or will request an attorney general's decision regarding the requested information. If the form is not applicable, you may provide a written response to this notification letter explaining how the city has complied with the Act. The written response may be sent to the address below or faxed to the Education and Enforcement Section at (512) 481-1992.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the Education and Enforcement Section of the Open Records Division at (877) 673-6839 or (512) 936-6736 to discuss the resolution of this complaint. You will also find resources to assist you in complying with the Act at <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open-government>.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Education and Enforcement Section
Open Records Division

Enclosure

c: Mr. Dave Hendricks
[REDACTED]
McAllen, Texas 78501
(w/o enclosure)